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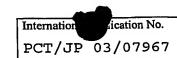
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v.	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability:
	citations and explanations supporting such statement

1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-6	YES
		Claims		NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	4-6	YES
		Claims	1-3	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6	YES
		Claims		NO NO

### 2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 11-326084 A (Isuzu Motors Ltd.), 26

November 1999, entire text; all drawings

Document 2: JP 11-248409 A (Tachi-S Co., Ltd.), 17

September 1999, entire text; all drawings

Document 3: JP 6-144071 A (Mazda Motor Corp.), 24 May

1994, entire text; all drawings

The invention set forth in claims 1 and 2 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1 and 2. Document 2 indicates that there is a mutual relationship between the load (pressure) on a seat and the amount of flexure. Therefore, it would be easy for a person skilled in the art to conceive of adding the amount of flexure of the seat to the parameters for assessing the level of fatigue, which are presented in document 1.

The invention set forth in claim 3 does not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1, 2 and 3. It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to apply the method presented in document 3, wherein the level of fatigue is calculated using multiple linear regression analysis, to the device set forth in document 1.

The invention set forth in claims 4-6 is not disclosed

in any of the documents cited in the international search
report. Moreover, it is not obvious to a person skilled in
the art.